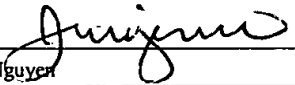
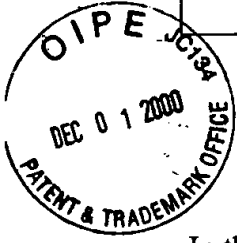


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Examiner: M. Schmidt

Group Art Unit: 1635

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2000 for which a response was due on September 27, 2000 and for which a two month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from September 27, 2000 to November 27, 2000.

Please amend the application as follows: